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Re. Application 09/991379,

- 1. In response to Appellant's Reply Brief filed July 27, 2005, the Reply Brief has been NOTED and acknowledged by the Examiner.
- 2. Since no further response by the Appellant is deemed necessary, the application has been forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences for decision on the Appeal.

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